

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 – 11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (currently amended): A method of fuel combustion, in which a jet of fuel and at least two jets of oxidizer are injected, the first jet of oxidizer, called the primary jet, being injected so as to be in contact with the jet of fuel and to generate a first incomplete combustion, the gases originating from this first combustion still comprising at least a portion of the fuel, and the second jet of oxidizer being injected at a distance from the jet of fuel in such a way as to combust with the portion of the fuel present in the gases originating from the first combustion, wherein the primary jet of oxidizer is divided into two primary jets:

- a) a first primary jet of oxidizer, called ~~the~~ a central primary jet, injected in the center of the jet of fuel; and
- b) a second primary jet of oxidizer, called ~~the~~ a sheathing primary jet, injected coaxially around the jet of fuel.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The method of claim 12, wherein the injection velocity of the central primary jet of oxidizer is greater than the injection velocity of the jet of fuel.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method of claim 12, wherein the injection velocity of the jet of fuel is greater than the injection velocity of the sheathing primary jet of oxidizer.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method of claim 12, wherein the injection velocity of the second jet of oxidizer is greater than the injection velocity of the sheathing primary jet of oxidizer.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The method of claim 12, wherein the ratio of the distance defined between the point of injection of the central primary jet of oxidizer and the point of injection of the second jet of oxidizer to the injection velocity of the second jet of oxidizer lies between  $10^{-3}$ s and  $10^{-2}$ s.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The method of claim 12, wherein a third jet of oxidizer is injected at a point situated between the point of injection of the central primary jet of oxidizer and the point of injection of the second oxidizing jet.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The method of claim 17, wherein the injection velocity of the second jet of oxidizer is greater than the injection velocity of the third jet of oxidizer.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The method of claim 17, wherein the ratio of the distance defined between the point of injection of the second jet of oxidizer and the point of injection of the central primary jet of oxidizer to the distance defined between the point of injection of the third jet of oxidizer and the point of injection of the central primary jet of oxidizer lies between 2 and 10.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The method of claim 12, wherein the two primary jets of oxidizer have the same oxygen concentration.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The method of claim 12, wherein the oxygen concentration of the central primary jet of oxidizer is greater than the oxygen concentration of the sheathing primary jet of oxidizer.

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Claim 22 (canceled)